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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

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SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL POLICE FOR KILLING THE THIRTY PEOPLE WHOSE BODIES APPEARED 20 AUGUST 1976

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3.3(b)(1) 1. (COMMENT: THE LOCAL PRESS OF 21 AUGUST 1976 REPORTED THAT THIRTY BODIES WERE FOUND 20 AUGUST

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NEAR PILAR NORTH OF BUENOS AIRES. THE PRESS QUOTED "INFORMED SOURCES" AS STATING THAT THE KILLINGS APPEARED TO BE IN REPRISAL FOR THE MURDER ON 19 AUGUST 1976 BY LEFTIST TERRORISTS OF RETIRED GENERAL OMAR A C T I S, HEAD OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE 1976 WORLD CUP SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES.)

2. OPERATING LEVELS OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING THE THIRTY INDIVIDUALS BOTH AS REPRISAL FOR THE KILLING OF GENERAL ACTIS, AS WELL AS A WARNING TO LEFTIST EXTREMISTS NOT TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE DURING THE 22 AUGUST PERIOD. THE FEDERAL POLICE HAD EARLIER RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THERE MIGHT WELL BE COORDINATED ATTACKS BY THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) AND THE MONTONEROS TO COMMEMORATE THE 22 AUGUST DATE. THE POLICE, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED THAT THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF THE THIRTY BODIES IN RESPONSE TO THE KILLING OF GENERAL ACTIS WOULD CAUSE THE ERP AND THE MONTONEROS TO REASSESS THE ADVISABILITY OF ENGAGING IN FURTHER TERRORIST ACTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE THIRTY INDIVIDUALS KILLED HAD BEEN UNDER FEDERAL POLICE DETENTION

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FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MONTONEROS.

3. PRESIDENT JORGE V I D E L A IS ANNOYED THAT THE BODIES WERE LEFT SO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AND HAS ORDERED THAT THIS NOT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE. VIDELA CONSIDERS THAT SUCH A TYPE OF SITUATION REFLECTS ADVERSELY ON THE GOOD NAME OF ARGENTINA BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. VIDELA'S OBJECTION IS NOT THAT THE THIRTY PEOPLE, WHO WERE PURPORTEDLY INVOLVED WITH THE MONTONEROS, WERE KILLED, BUT THAT THE BODIES APPEARED PUBLICLY. (3.3(b)(1) COMMENT:

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PRESIDENT VIDELA IS EXTREMELY ANGRY OVER THE APPEARANCE OF THE THIRTY BODIES IN PILAR AND SIXTEEN BODIES AT ANOTHER SITE, CONSIDERING THAT THE SITUATION SERIOUSLY DAMAGES THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE DOMESTICALLY AND ABROAD BY SUGGESTING THAT THERE IS A LACK OF ORDER 3.3(b)(1) AND CONTROL IN ARGENTINA.

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VIDELA IS IN AGREEMENT THAT SUBVERSIVES SHOULD BE KILLED, BUT THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER SHOULD BE DEALT WITH DISCREETLY.)

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4. (COMMENT: 3.3(b)(1)

THE FEDERAL POLICE HAD GONE ON A STATE OF ALERT 15 AUGUST WHICH WAS TO LAST THROUGH 23 AUGUST BECAUSE INDICATORS HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT LEFTIST TERRORIST INCIDENTS MIGHT OCCUR DURING THE 22 AUGUST PERIOD. 22 AUGUST 1972 IS THE DATE OF THE KILLING OF A NUMBER OF EXTREME LEFTISTS DURING AN ALLEGED ATTEMPTED BREAK FROM TRELEW PRISON, AND THE DATE HAS SINCE BEEN COMMEMORATED BY RADICAL LEFTIST GROUPS WITH A WAVE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY.)

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